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Block-Tailored Refresh Cycle Time

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Examiner: Connic C. Yoha

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is in response to a restriction requirement contained in an Office Action mailed on February 12, 2007, which is due for response by March 12, 2007. Any fees required in entering this response may be charged to Applicant's deposit account, 09-0456.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the claims elected. No fee is due by virtue of this election. However, if the PTO determines that any fee is due, please charge Applicant's deposit account 09-0456.

The Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 11-13 drawn to a dynamic memory device and method of selectively controlling a refresh cycle time, classified in class 711, subclass 106.
- II. Claims 4-10 drawn to a dynamic memory device having a memory array divided into a plurality of hierarchical blocks and having controlled refresh operation, classified in class 711, subclass 106.

Applicant elects the claims of Group I, without traverse, directed to a dynamic memory device and method of selectively controlling a refresh cycle time. Accordingly, the claims that are readable on the elected species and variations for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable include: Claims 1-3 and 11-13.

In addition, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant wishes to re-open consideration of claims to additional species and variations which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application.

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